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Compound-Complex Sentence Quiz

Part I: Read the information and fill in the blanks.

1. Simple sentences have _____ independent clause(s).
2. Compound sentences have _____ independent clause(s).
3. Complex sentences have _____ independent clause(s) and _____ dependent clauses.
4. Compound-complex sentences have _____ or more independent clause(s) and at least _____ dependent clauses.
5. A(n) _____ clause CAN stand alone.
6. A(n) _____ clause can NOT stand alone.

Part II: Underline the independent clauses TWICE and the dependent clauses ONCE.

7. When they were late, the boss got angry, and they had to work overtime.
8. The girls stayed out until the moon had risen, so they got in trouble with their parents.
9. Anna scraped, and Tony sanded while I went to buy some paint.

Part III: Fill in the blank with the correct answer.

10. The type of punctuation that is used to between independent clauses that are joined with a coordinating conjunction is the _____.
11. The other type of punctuation used to join two independent clauses is _____.
12. The type of punctuation between a dependent clause and an independent clause when the dependent clause is FIRST is the _____.

Part IV: Punctuate the following compound-complex sentences correctly.

13. Unless you can prove your innocence we will have to try you and perhaps we will convict you.

14. We will not know the winner for sure until the meet is over so you will just have to wait and see.

15. Because they are both very good sometimes Jean wins first place and sometimes Susie wins first place.

16. Before Susie went she made potato salad and she packed the picnic basket.

17. Mike moved away but he continues to be our friend even though we rarely see him.

18. Whenever we need help we call Pete he will drop everything to help us.

Part V: Punctuate the following sentences. If no punctuation is needed, leave the sentence as is. The following sentences include all four types we have studied.

19. We went to the ball game and watched the Twins.

20. Even though it was expensive we bought some hot dogs and pop.

21. The Twins played well so they secured their spot in the playoffs.

22. The children were well behaved I'm glad we talked about how to act before we left.

23. Before we sat in our seats the vendors were trying to sell lots of stuff it was driving me crazy.

24. My favorite player is still Kirby Puckett because he is the greatest player ever.

25. Another great Twin is Kent Hrbek he was a great first baseman.

26. I still have my Homer Hankey and my Wheaties box with the Twins on it.

27. Until I told my kids about the 1987 World Series my kids had no idea that the Twins were so great.

28. My family really enjoyed the game and we hope to go again since we can buy tickets online.

29. I have always been a Twins fan and I always will be.